

Coosa River Basin Initiative

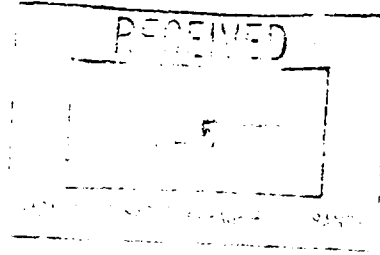
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Mr. Jim Ussery, Program Manager
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
205 Butler Street, SE
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Atlanta, Georgia 30034



Re: General Electric (EPA ID# GAD-003308145) Permit # HW-043(S)-2

Dear Mr. Ussery,

I am writing to request a public hearing concerning the permit changes found in the draft permit to the General Electric Company (Permit # HW-043(S)-2).


I have been a Floyd County resident for 12 years and am very concerned about water quality in my area. During this time, I have been paying attention to the fact that the General Electric Company has been the source of PCB contamination in the western part of my county and for my neighbors in Cherokee County, Alabama. I have observed the closing of GE's facility, and know of their desire to leave town completely. When I heard of the public notice for permit changes, I became concerned.

While reading through the portion of the permit to be changed, I became overwhelmed with what appears to be a striking of ultimate responsibility charged to this company that has acted irresponsibly in the past. Specifically, the changes to the definitions of Corrective Action, Extent of Contamination, Interim Measures, and Risk-Based Standards and the number of potentially harmful chemicals that have been stricken from the required ground water sampling reports to be submitted only twice a year, concern me.

I believe a public hearing and, possibly, another public meeting are necessary at this time to answer questions the residents of Floyd County may have and to give us an opportunity to express our need for the General Electric Company to be held accountable for their actions.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to receiving notice of the date for a public hearing and public meeting.

Sincerely,


Beth Fraser

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cc. Mr. Harold Reheis

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